

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2692 - HB 3099

March 5, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes retail sellers of alcoholic beverages to offer, without charge or cost, samples of alcoholic beverages and spirits to consumers on their licensed premises by requiring the following:

- retailers notify the Alcoholic Beverage Commission in writing 10 days in advance of the tasting;
- the Alcoholic Beverage Commission acknowledges receipt of the notification of a sampling event within 5 days of the receipt of the notification;
- samples provided do not exceed ½ ounce per product sampled and no more than four products may be sampled in a day;
- only employees with retail or wholesale employee permits or an owner or manager who has completed the alcohol awareness training program required for servers may participate in the opening, pouring, or offering of samples;
- no person under the age of 21 may be present on the premises at any time when samples are being offered;
- no sampling may extend beyond one calendar day;
- manufacturers and nonresident sellers of alcohol may only provide products for sampling or tasting through a licensed, designated wholesaler; and
- employees of a manufacturer, distiller, winery or non-resident seller may participate in a sampling or tasting only if the wholesaler authorized to distribute the products is also present.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Less than \$10,000

Estimate assumes a not significant increase in revenue from seminar/tasting held on the premises of the licensed retail store paying a \$50 fee. The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission issued approximately 150 seminar/tasting permits in FY02-03. (150 x \$50 = \$7,500)

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director